

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 SEOUL 00882 060811Z

11

ACTION EA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-01

USIA-06 PRS-01 SP-02 CU-02 /029 W

----- 081815

P R 060733Z FEB 76

FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5337

INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

CINCPAC

C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 0882

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT KS

SUBJECT: FACULTY REVIEW NEARING COMPLETION

SUMMARY: IN COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT DIRECTIVE ISSUED LAST SUMMER, KOREAN UNIVERSITIES HAVE LARGELY COMPLETED ASSESSMENT OF FACULTY MEMBERS AND ARE IN PROCESS OF SUBMITTING TO MIN ED FOR REVIEW NAMES OF THOSE WHO WILL RECEIVE CONTRACTS AND NAMES OF FACULTY MEMBERS TO BE DROPPED. PRESS REPORTS AND UNIVERSITY SOURCES SPECULATE THAT FEW PROFESSORS WILL BE ULTIMATELY DISMISSED BUT MINISTRY OF EDUCATION (AS WELL AS KCIA) INPUTS ARE STILL NOT KNOWN. END SUMMARY.

1. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION REQUESTED UNIVERSITIES TO SUBMIT LISTS OF FACULTY MEMBERS WHOSE CONTRACTS WOULD AND WOULD NOT BE RENEWED TO MINISTRY BY JANUARY 31. REPORTEDLY MOST REQUIRED LISTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED ALTHOUGH SOME UNIVERSITIES ARE STILL "NEGOTIATING" WITH MINISTRY AND KCIA IN PRE-SUBMISSION DISCUSSIONS. MINED IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE ITS SCREENING BY MID FEBRUARY.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS AND EMBASSY SOURCES, ORIGINAL UNIVERSITY LISTS HAVE CONTAINED RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF PROFESSORS WHO WILL NOT BE OFFERED CONTRACTS AND MOST HAVE BEEN

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 SEOUL 00882 060811Z

EITHER IN "DEADWOOD" CATEGORY OR INVOLVED IN SOME FORM OF

"MOONLIGHTING". ONE RANKING SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (SNU) PROFESSOR INDICATED THAT IN ANY CASE MOST ACTIVIST PROFESSORS HAD ALREADY BEEN DISMISSED OR OTHERWISE NEUTRALIZED. HE DID CONCEDE KCIA INFLUENCE IN FINAL DECISION ABOUT WHO WOULD STAY OR GO WAS STILL POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, "UNIVERSITY TALK CONSISTENTLY PLAYS UP THEME THAT THOSE EVENTUALLY DROPPED WOULD BE SMALL IN NUMBER". ONE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT TELLS US HE IS STILL NEGOTIATING WITH KCIA OVER RETENTION OF ONE FACULTY MEMBER DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN AN ACTIVIST IN EXCHANGE FOR "SACRIFICING ANOTHER WHO IS REALLY NO LONGER ACTIVELY TEACHING".

3. WHILE ROKG MAY ADD SOME NAMES TO UNIVERSITY RECOMMENDATIONS OF FACULTY MEMBERS WHO WILL NOT BE OFFERED CONTRACTS, CONTRARY TO PROFESSORS' FEARS LAST SUMMER, IT NOW APPEARS THAT LISTS NOT LIABLE TO BE LARGE, NOR WILL FACULTIES BE PURGED FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES. REASONS FOR RESTRAINT ARE VARIED. FIRST THERE ARE NOT MANY PROFESSORS REMAINING ON FACULTIES WHO ARE OUTSPOKENLY CRITICAL OR ROKG AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN OUTSPOKEN IN PAST HAVE QUIETED DOWN. MOREOVER, CAMPUSES HAVE BEEN PEACEFUL DURING LAST SEMESTER AND UNIVERSITY SOURCES SPECULATE THAT ROKG WOULD NOT WANT FACULTY REVIEW TO BECOME ISSUE ON CAMPUSES WHERE FEW POLITICAL PROBLEMS NOW APPEAR TO EXIST. ON OTHER SIDE, MOST UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS AND PROFESSIONALLY MINDED FACULTY MEMBERS ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT REVIEW HAS POSITIVE BENEFIT IN CLEANSING FACULTIES OF INCOMPETENT TEACHERS AND THOSE WHO USE TEACHING AS PARTTIME JOB.
SNEIDER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, UNIVERSITIES, TEACHERS, CONTRACTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 06 FEB 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: izenbei0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976SEOUL00882
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760045-0716
From: SEOUL
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760274/aaaacmr.x.tel
Line Count: 88
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: izenbei0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 26 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <26 MAY 2004 by SmithRJ>; APPROVED <22 SEP 2004 by izenbei0>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FACULTY REVIEW NEARING COMPLETION SUMMARY: IN COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT DIRECTIVE ISSUED LAST
TAGS: PINT, KS
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006